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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : KAARTINEN, NIILO
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FOR : QUANTITATIVE DOSING OF SMALL AMOUNTS
OF LIQUID
ART UNIT :
EXAMINER :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
PATENTS & TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON DC 20231

SIR:

Prior to examining the above identified application, kindly enter this Preliminary amendment which amends the specification and the claims.

The contents of the specification are identical to the specification as originally filed with the exception that appropriate headings have been inserted and a Summary of the Invention has been inserted. The specification is being filed with a clean copy and a copy entitled "Marked Up Version".

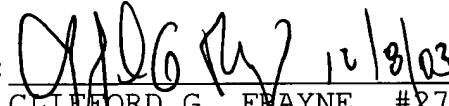
The claims have been amended to correct the claims

contained in the original filing, which included certain multiple dependent claims depending from prior multiple depending claims. Applicant respectfully submits that this improper multiple dependency has been corrected with this Preliminary Amendment. The claims are presented in a marked up version in accordance with present claim amendment protocols.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to any examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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